

Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain some of St. Petersburg's housing and neighborhood standards.



Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards. If you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you take positive action to resolve any violations. Also contact your Codes Investigator with any questions about violations and what must be done to correct them.

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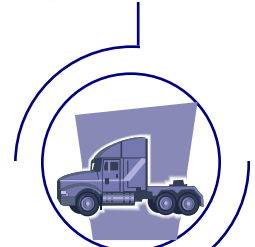
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Commercial Equipment Parking

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Commercial Equipment Parking



Commercial equipment includes any vehicle and/or equipment which is designed for a commercial or industrial function or contains exterior commercial advertising.

Commercial equipment is generally large, noisy and often painted to provide an advertisement for the business, which can adversely affect the appeal and livability of residential areas.



Restrictions on commercial vehicle parking have been a part of the City Code since 1973 when the increasing numbers of businesses were operated with mobile facilities, such as tow trucks, service and delivery trucks and vans.

In some cases, these businesses expected the employees to take the equipment home after work hours.

The results were increased truck traffic in residential areas and less attractive neighborhoods.



Requirements

Commercial equipment cannot be parked in residential districts unless it is stored within a completely enclosed building, such as a garage, which meets the district zoning requirements.

For additional information, please consult the City Code or your area Codes Investigator.

Exceptions

For each dwelling unit on a residential lot **one** commercial vehicle may be parked in a legal parking area provided it is designed as a limousine, van, pickup truck, SUV, or similar vehicle:

- Is no more than 22 feet in length and no more than 9 feet in height
- Does not display commercial advertising or lettering in excess of 50% of the visible surface.
- Is in sound condition and properly licensed.

In addition to the above exception, **one** piece of commercial equipment from each of the following **two** categories is allowed:

- A properly licensed emergency or government service passenger vehicle designed as a van, pickup truck, SUV, car, or motorcycle such as law enforcement, fire, or municipal fleet vehicles.
- Motorized riding lawn mower provided it is used for single household residential purposes and provided it parked/stored in accordance with codes governing domestic equipment.

All other commercial equipment parked in a residential district must be within a fully enclosed and lawfully permitted structure.